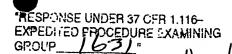
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003, the Applicants herewith file a Request for Continued Examination. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: